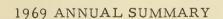
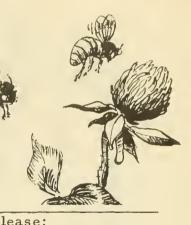
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## HONEY PRODUCTION





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Honey production during 1969 totaled 283, 268,000 pounds, 42 percent above 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This record crop was produced by 4,762,000 colonies, nearly equal to last year's 4,770,000 colonies. The yield of honey per colony was 59.5 pounds, nearly 18 pounds per colony higher than the 41.9 pounds average per colony in 1968. Production of beeswax in 1969 totaled 5,460,000 pounds, up 38 percent from 1968.

In mid-December, producers reported 67 million pounds of honey on hand for sale compared with 43 million pounds a year ago. Stocks in mid-December represented 24 percent of the 1969 honey production, compared with 21 percent in 1968.

The 1969 season was very favorable with good weather conditions and nectar supplies in nearly all States. Production in California and Minnesota was more than double their 1968 crop.

The Nation's beekeepers received an average price of 17.4 cents per pound for 1969 sales of all honey. The 1968 average price for all honey was 16.9 cents. Prices were higher for all types of honey sold at both wholesale and retail. These prices relate to all wholesale and retail sales of extracted, chunk, and comb honey from apiaries owned by farmers and non-farmers.

Extracted honey in wholesale lots sold for an average price of 15.2 cents per pound, one-half cent higher than in 1968. Unprocessed bulk honey averaged 13.6 cents per pound compared with 12.9 cents a year earlier. Sales of processed bulk honey averaged 17.0 cents per pound, one cent higher than in 1968. Processed package sales averaged 24.0 cents per pound compared with 23.8 cents a year earlier.

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HONEY: Number of colonies, production and stocks, United States, 1960-69

Year	:	Number	:	Yield	:	Honey	: Stocks on hand
1001	:	colonies		per_colony	:	Production	:for sale Dec. 15
	:	1,000				1,000	1,000
	:	colonies		Pounds		pounds	pounds
	:						
	:						
1960	:	5,005		48.5		242,802	52,206
1961	:	4,992		51.3		255,868	68,119
1962	:	4,900		50.9		249,608	55,933
1963	:	4,849		55.0		266,778	55,082
1964	:	4,840		51.9		251,188	65,776
1965	:	4,783		51.1		244,549	58,327
1966	:	4,772		51.9		247,642	56,906
1967	:	4,819		46.3		223,300	58,800
1968	:	4,770		41.9		200,081	42,833
1969	:	4,762		59.5		283,268	66,846
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HONEY-BEESWAX: Production and value, United States, 1960-69

:		Honey	•	Beeswax				
Year :	Production 1	Price per	: Total : value :	Production !	Price per:	Total value		
;	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000		
:	pounds	Cents	<u>dollars</u>	pounds	Cents	dollars		
1960:	242,802	17.9	43,500	4,372	44.0	1,922		
1961:	255,868	18.0	46,072	4,720	44.1	2,080		
1962:	249,608	17.4	43,494	4,805	44.1	2,117		
1963:	266,778	18.0	48,096	4,828	44.2	2,133		
1964:	251,188	18.6	46,638	4,672	44.3	2,070		
1965:	244,549	17.8	43,475	4,749	44.9	2,132		
1966:	247,642	17.4	43,012	4,739	46.6	2,207		
1967:	223,300	15.6	34,877	4,541	58.8	2,672		
1968:	200,081	16.9	33,856	3,960	61.7	2,443		
1969:	283,268	17.4	49,413	5,460	61.1	3,339		
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	: Colon	ies of bee	s :	Yield p	er colony	Hone	Honey production			
State	1968	1969	1969 as : % of 1968:	1968	1969	1968	1909	1969 as % of 1968		
	- 1,000	col	Percent	- Pou	nds -	- 1,000	pounds -	Percent		
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Ohio Ind. Ill. Mich. Wis.	: 146 : 95 : 88 : 120 : 139	150 88 87 121 129	103 93 99 101 93	31 32 42 75 55	34 53 50 83 115	4,526 3,040 3,696 9,000 7,645	5,100 4,664 4,350 10,043 14,835	113 153 118 112 194		
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48 States	4,764	4,757	100	41.9	59.5	199,727	282,893	142		
Hawaii	6	5	83	59	75	354	375	106		
U. S.	4,770	4,762	100	41.9	59•5	200,081	283,268	142		

HONEY: Price per pound, value of production and stocks on hand December 15 for sale, 1968 and 1969

	Average	price per pound	Value of	Production	: Honey stocks on hand : December 15 for sale		
State	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969	
	:	Cents	<u>1,000</u> do	llars	1,000	pounds	
Maine	44.6	46.6	36	58	28	38	
и. н.	: 40.8	42.7	31	41	15	15	
t.	: 31.2	36.2	44	106	19	65	
ass.	: 42.7	1,1,8	94	143	84	112	
. I.	: 38.8	40'.2	16	18	10	13	
onn.	: 39.8	½1.8	84	64	94	67	
. Y.	: 15.6	16.5	1,029	1,426	1,978	3,025	
. J.	: 27.4	28.5	336	469	490	790	
B.	: 21.2	21.6	653	723	1,016	1,440	
hio	20.2	19.5	914	994	1,448	867	
nd.	: 17.6	19.3	535	900 879	730 887	1,866	
11.	: 19.3	20.2 16.2	713	1,627	2,880	1,348	
ich.	: 15.4 : 16.0	16.3	1,386 1,223	2,418	2,294	3,31 <sup>4</sup> 6,082	
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inn.	: 17.4	19.3	1,815	4,161	3,338	5,606	
BWO	: 15.2	16.3	1,511	1,800	3,081	4,858	
0.	: 16.7	18.5	661	785	911	806	
Dak.	: 13.7	14.6	678	967	693	1,855	
. Dak.	: 14.7	14.6	1,636	2,168	779	2,970	
ebr.	: 13.8	1½.5 16.6	995 366	1,221 285	3,821 617	2,948	
ans.	: 10.0	10.0	200	20)	011	292	
el.	: 32.8	34.6	52	55	48	32	
d.	: 29.8	31.5	398	397	293	189	
a.	: 28.5	29.5	547 498	687	<b>4</b> 22 356	559 331	
. Va.	: 32.2	32.0 23.9	965	530 1,242	832	1,040	
. C.	: 29.7	33.1	247	375	183	204	
a.	: 17.0	17.0	887	1,017	574	718	
la.	19.0	20.1	3,964	5,080	2,712	4,297	
·y•	: 32.2	33.6	481	708	179	316	
enn.	: 21.7	22.4	513	883	567	867	
la.	21.6	22.5	452	561	460	723	
iss.	: 21.7	20.8	271	373	250	394	
rk.	: 25.0	26.4	563	680	360	440	
a.	: 15.4	11.6	486	515	442	600	
kla.	: 26.7	30.0	529	594	396	356	
exas	: 15.7	16.8	1,497	1,949	1,907	2,436	
ont.	: 13.2	1).2	898	1,367	680	2,021	
daho	: 13.9	11.7	1,407	1,730	1,619	3,414	
yo.	: 13.6	15.6	222	389	33	250	
olo.	: 18.1	18.8	341	592	773 146	1,292	
. Mex.	: 11.0	13.0	101	94 384	473	72 315	
riz.	: 11.2	12.2	530 154	429	304	710	
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ash.	: 13.5	15.4	511	541	719	842	
reg.	: 15.2	15.8	360	595	592	941	
alif.	12.8	13.4	2,097	6,217	2,130	4,640	
48 States	16.9	17.5	33,801	49,349	42,684	66,670	
awaii	15.4	17.1	55	61;	149	176	
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U. S.	: 16.9	17.5	33,856	49,413	42,833	66,846	

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State	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969		
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Maine	2	3	53	59	1	2		
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Mass.	: 4	6	55	56		3		
R. I.	: 1	1	51	56	2	3		
Conn.	: 5	14		56	1	1		
			51	56	3	2		
I. Y.	112	156	64	62	72	97		
I. J.	. 20	30	65	65	18	20		
Pa.	71	74	59	63	42	47		
hio	86	92	62	61	53	56		
ind.	67	98	60	62	40	61		
11.	78	91	60	61	47	56		
lich.	171	161	61	62				
is.	138				104	100		
15.	: 130	237	61	62	84	147		
linn.	229	353	61	59	140	208		
OWa	209	232	64	63	134	146		
lo.	: 81	81	63	64	51	52		
. Dak.	89	113	65	64	58	72		
Dak.	189	252	68	65	129	164		
ebr.	: 130	177	60	59	78	104		
ans.	: 44	34	59	62	26	21		
	•	J <sup>+</sup>	77	OE.	20	21		
el.	3	3	60	60	2	2		
d.	23	25	60	60	14	15		
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. Va.	31	41	58	60	18	25		
. C.	125	156	55	55	69	86		
. C.	19	26	57	60	11	16		
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la.	376	455	60	62	226	282		
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enn.	47	79	49	54	23	43		
la.	44	60	55	57	24	34		
iss.	31	54	58	62	18	33		
rk.	50	52	60	67	30	35		
a.	57	60	65	62	37	37		
kla.	34	38	61	67	21	25		
exas	200	325	62	57	124	185		
ont.	136	183	66	61	90	112		
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ev.	9	13	68	69	13	9		
ash.	95	91	61	64	58	30 9 58		
reg.	43	75	58	61	25	46		
alif.	295	882	67	62	198	547		
48 States	3,952	5,453	61.5	61.1	2,437	3,334		
awaii	8	7	73	68	6	5		
J. S.	: 3,960	5,460	61.6	61.1	2,443	3,339		

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48 States	23.8	24.0	14.7	15.2	30.6	31.6	29.8	32.3	40.0	41.1	
Hawaii	24	25	15	16	29	31					
U.S.	23.8	24.0	14.7	15.2	30.6	31.6	29.8	32.3	40.0	41.1	

<sup>1/</sup> Total bulk plus packaged.

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Prices received for retail sales of extracted honey averaged 31.6 cents per pound in 1969, one cent above 1968. Sales of all chunk honey averaged 32.3 cents per pound, up from 29.8 cents a year earlier. The price of all comb honey sales averaged 41.1 cents per pound compared with 40.0 cents in 1968.

Beeswax prices averaged 61.1 cents per pound in 1969 compared with 61.6 cents in 1968 and 58.8 cents in 1967.